## Issue Brief - Drinking Water Loan Administration Costs

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## **SUMMARY**

The mission of the Division of Drinking Water is to protect the public from waterborne disease through education, assistance, and oversight.

## **DISCUSSION**

A portion of the Drinking Water Board loan program costs totaling \$73,000 per year were funded by pledged bond payments. The bond was paid off June 1, 2005. Payments are no longer deposited with the bond trustee, but are now deposited directly to the loan fund. As funds are no longer available from pledged bond payments another source of funding is necessary to be able to maintain the level of service to drinking water loan activities.

The Department is requesting a transfer from the General Fund Restricted – Water Development Security Account- Drinking Water Account in the amount of \$73,000 for FY 2007. This is not an increase of funding to the program nor will it decrease funds going to the State loan program.

## LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The Analyst is recommending an appropriation of \$73,000 from the General Fund Restricted – Water Development Security Account - Drinking Water Account.